

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-9 and 16-22, *without traverse*, and have canceled non-elected claims 10-15 without prejudice to their presentation in a continuing application. Applicants believe that the Examiner may have overlooked the preliminary amendment that accompanied this application upon filing since the pending Action does not recognize the pendency of claims 16-22 added in that preliminary amendment.

Early action allowing claims 1-9 and 16-22 is solicited.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing 204552031400.

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